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SUBJ: CARRILLO'S ARREST IN SPAIN

REF: MADRID 9667

1. IN COMMENT ON CARRILLO SITUATION IN SPAIN, QUAI'S
NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR MEDITERRANEAN AFFAIRS JACQUES
BLOT DID NOT FOLLOW FREQUENTLY HELD VIEW HERE THAT GOS
USING AFFAIR FAIRLY EFFECTIVELY IN MANEUVERING TOWARD
EVENTUAL LEGALIZATION OF THE PCE. WHILE BLOT DID NOT
COMMENT ON ULTIMATE OUTCOME OF AFFAIR, HE DID ARGUE
VOCALLY THAT "VARIOUS QUARTERS" IN MADRID HAD MADE
"SERIES OF ERRORS" IN DEALING WITH CARRILLO. FAIRLY
RECENTLY, HE SAID, MADRID HAD DISCREETLY ASKED WHETHER
FRANCE WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE CARRILLO BACK. GOF
HAD REITERATED THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT CARRILLO'S
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RETURN IF SPANISH WISHED TO DEPORT HIM. HOWEVER, HIS
SUBSEQUENT ARREST IN MADRID ELIMINATED THIS OPTION,
AND NOW IS TENDING TO DRAMATIZE PCE ISSUE DURING MOST
CRITICAL PERIOD OF SPAIN'S INTERNAL REFORM PROCESS--AS
CARRILLO EVIDENTLY HOPED. BLOT'S IMPLICATION WAS THAT
MADRID MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER ADVISED TO QUIETLY SEND

HIM BACK TO FRANCE WHEN THIS WAS STILL POSSIBLE, AND
TO DEAL WITH PCE ISSUE WITHOUT THE ADDITIONAL BURDEN OF
A JUDICIAL PROCESS INVOLVING HIS PERSON.

2. NEEDLESS TO SAY PCF AND OTHERS ON EXTREME LEFT HERE
HAVE BEEN MAKING MOST OF CARRILLO SITUATION WITH
RALLIES BEFORE SPANISH EMBASSY, APPEALS, L'HUMANITE
EDITORIALS AND PCF TELEGRAM OF SUPPORT TO CARRILLO IN
JAIL. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE PS HAS, ON OTHER HAND, KEPT
LOW PROFILE AND HAS SO FAR TAKEN NO OVERT STAND ON
CARRILLO AFFAIR.
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